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The Office Action of March 23, 2006 has been carefully studied.

The attention of the Examiner is directed to the commonly assigned application No. 10/747,246 (Our Docket 1013-035).

Applicants note the indication in the Office Action of the allowance of claims 11-15, and the allowability of claim 6-10 and 18-20. To this end, claim 1, as previously presented, has been combined with claim 6, upon which claims 7-10 depend; claim 16, as previously presented, has been combined with each of claims 18-20. Therefore, claims 6 and 18-20 are now independent claims.

Claims 14 and 17 have been amended to obviate the objection to them, and independent claims 1 and 16 have been amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harari et al., USP 6,381,662. Paragraphs 0009, 0012, 0043 and 0050 of the applicants' specification provide the basis for the newly added subject matter.

Harari discloses (Column 3, Lines 13-16) a peripheral in the form of a PC card that can be removably connected to a host system from the outside of the host system. However, Harari fails to disclose an adapting element having a size enabling the adapting element to be moved on the transportation system of the personalisation machine, as now required by claims 1 and 16.

Claims 2-5 and 17, depend on claims 1 and 16, respectively and are allowable therewith. The secondary references applied against claims 3-5, Fehrman et al., USP 6,193,163) obviously does not cure the foregoing deficient aspects of claims 1 and 16. In addition, Fehrman et al. is improperly combined with Harari et al.

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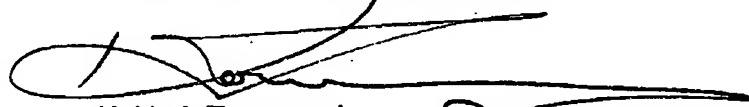
Fehrman relates to smart cards in which the internal semiconductor can be removed (Column 1, Lines 4-6). Fehrman discloses, at Column 2, Lines 14-21, a semiconductor chip assembly locked within the smart card and a special tool for enabling the mechanism to be disengaged. Because Fehrman does not relate to a system of the type disclosed by Harari having a mother card coupled with a daughter card, the combination proposed by the examiner would not have been made by one of ordinary skill in the art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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